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Shelby County Fire Department Graduation Ceremony Tonight

Seven firefighters graduate tonight from the Shelby County Fire Department Academy. The ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at Hope Presbyterian Church, 8500 Walnut Grove Road.

The recruits had fourteen weeks of rigorous training and will receive their engine company assignments during tonight's ceremony.

"We appreciate the dedication of these graduates and welcome them to the ranks of the Shelby County Fire Department," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Some of those graduating tonight already hold firefighting and emergency medical care certifications. Others will begin their public service work with the Shelby County Fire Department, which has 160 firefighter/first responders on the job.

"It's always encouraging to see citizens transform into civil servants. We appreciate their willingness to answer fire calls, assist with rescue operations and respond to those with medical needs. That calls for a true commitment to serve others," said Shelby County Fire Chief Alvin Benson.

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